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Title: SCENARIO EDITING DEVICE  
CAPABLE OF AUTOMATICALLY  
SUPPLEMENTING SCENARIO ON  
THE BASIS OF RECEIVED  
ADDITIONAL DATA

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

According to a translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action dated August 6, 2002 in a corresponding Japanese Office Action, the Japanese Office Action stated:

The inventions as per the following claims of this application could have been easily invented, based on the inventions described in the publications indicated below which were distributed in Japan or abroad prior to the filing of this application, by a person having ordinary knowledge in the Technical field of the invention prior to the filing of this application, and therefore cannot be patented, as per the stipulations of Article 29, Subsection 2 of the Patent Law.

Annotation (For cited literatures, etc., see list of cited literatures)

.	Claims	1 to 15
.	Cited literature	1
.	Remarks	

Aforementioned cited literature 1 states "[0034] Figure 4 (a) shows the screen of a client which performs creation of

multimedia documents containing animation and movies after it has requested editing/processing of footage from another client, and is creating a multimedia document while waiting for said other client to complete edition/processing of the footage." and indicates that, by means of 401, 402 and 403 in Figure 4 (a), it is displayed what sort of scenario is to be created, and that the basic scenario rules are stored.

Furthermore, cited literature 1 states "While creation of said multimedia document 401 is progressing, the film footage in the server storage device 101 is periodically checked by means of film footage editing/processing checking 201 by the multimedia footage editing/processing check AP 200 to monitor completion/updating of the film footage, displaying a film footage editing/processing check screen 404 on the display 400 and displaying the current state by means of a dialog box 405 while waiting for completion of the footage." ([0035]), indicating the art of generating scenario degree-of-completion information (the degree of completion of the scenario can be judged by means of the dialog box 405) which shows the information necessary for completion of multimedia content by monitoring the completion/updating of film footage (scenario) (monitoring can be thought of as being based on scenario basic rules).

List of cited literatures

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication  
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Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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1.	JP 7021352	01/24/95	Japan			ABSTRACT	

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